State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research **FROM**: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Abandon Agricultural Well- Peterson Addition

LOCATION: Bidwell-Sacramento River SP (163) **COUNTY:** Butte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Abandon an unused agricultural ground water well located in the middle of the Peterson Addition of the Big Chico Creek Riparian Area at Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park. The well will be abandoned per requirements and specifications of Butte County Division of Environmental Health to prevent contamination of ground water. The submersible pump and attached pipe will be removed from the well. The 8 inch well casing will be filled with sand and/or concrete, cut 5 feet below ground level and backfilling with native soil. The electrical service and supporting structure will be removed. In the event that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project implementation, work within the immediate vicinity will be temporarily halted or diverted until a DPR-qualified resource specialist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition of artifact(s)

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4 Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and the minor public alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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